

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A FAMILY
CAREGIVERS WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE ROLE OF
CAREGIVING FOR PATIENTS RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS, THE STATE
OF THEIR OVERALL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE RESOURCES IN THE
COMMUNITY NEEDED AND AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM.

WHEREAS, many patients who are released from their hospital
care require continued care at home, requiring a high level of
skill; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, because of costs and other factors,
untrained family caregivers are often called upon to provide
such care; and

WHEREAS, AARP Public Policy Institute estimates that in
2009 there were 247,000 family caregivers in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, AARP believes that family caregivers require more
training than they are receiving to take care of the patients
they have volunteered to care for; and

WHEREAS, hospitals are under increased pressure from the
federal government to avoid readmission of patients within
thirty days of their release; and

WHEREAS, hospitals presently provide discharge plans for
all patients which may involve family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, there may be other resources already in the
community or that need to be developed in the community to meet
this need; and

WHEREAS, the hospital members of the Healthcare Association
of Hawaii (HAH) are willing to review their role with regard to
the training of family caregivers; and



1 WHEREAS, hospitals have concerns regarding the possible
2 liability they may incur if they undertake more intensive
3 training of family caregivers; and
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5 WHEREAS, AARP and HAH are agreeable to working with each
6 other and their members and other appropriate entities and
7 persons in the community to assess this matter and develop
8 solutions; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
13 Health is requested to convene a family caregivers working group
14 to examine and assess issues contained in Senate Bill 2264,
15 Regular Session of 2014, including but not limited to the role
16 of caregivers, the state of current practice of caregiver
17 designation, notification, involvement in discharge planning,
18 and training, the question of what role hospitals should play in
19 the training of caregivers, the role others might or should play
20 in the training of caregivers to assure the best outcomes for
21 all patients released from hospitals, and legislative and
22 regulatory recommendations on how best to involve caregivers in
23 patient discharge and prepare caregivers for after-care tasks;
24 and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
27 requested to invite the participation of:
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- 29 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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- 31 (2) One representative and one family care representative
32 from AARP Hawaii;
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- 34 (3) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging, or the
35 Director's designee;
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- 37 (4) One representative from the Healthcare Association of
38 Hawaii;
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- 40 (5) One representative from each Oahu hospital facility or
41 one representative from each hospital or health care
42 system where multiple private Oahu or neighbor island
43 hospitals are under a single hospital or health care
44 system;



- (6) One representative from each Hawaii Health Systems Corporation region;
- (7) One representative and one family care representative from a home health care organization;
- (8) One representative from a Skilled Nursing Facility;
- (9) One representative from each of the County Area Agencies on Aging;
- (10) One representative and one family care representative from the Kokua Council;
- (11) One representative from Hawaii's health insurance or mutual benefit society health plans;
- (12) One representative and one family care representative from the American Cancer Society;
- (13) One representative and one family care representative from Papa Ola Lokahi; and
- (14) One representative and one family care representative from an Alzheimer's Disease treatment organization;
- (15) One representative and one family care representative from Kokua Mau;
- (16) One representative and one family care representative from a hospice organization;
- (17) One representative from the Hawaii Long Term Care Association;
- (18) A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, who shall serve as co-chair; and
- (19) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as co-chair; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the family caregivers working
2 group is requested to submit a written report of its findings
3 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
4 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group cease to
7 exist on June 30, 2016; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
11 of Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, AARP, Executive
12 Office on Aging, and Chief of the Office of Healthcare
13 Assurance.
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